No. 08-5721
Title: Steven Spears, Petitioner
v.
United States
Docketed: August 12, 2008
Lower Ct: United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
Case Nos.: (05-4468, 06-1354)
Decision Date: June 23, 2008
Questions Presented

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Aug 12 2008	Petition for a writ of certiorari and motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis filed. (Response due September 11, 2008)
Aug 15 2008	Waiver of right of respondent United States to respond filed.
Aug 21 2008	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of September 29, 2008.
Aug 27 2008	Response Requested . (Due September 26, 2008)
Sep 17 2008	Order extending time to file response to petition to and including October 27, 2008.
Oct 27 2008	Brief of respondent United States in opposition filed.
Nov 6 2008	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of November 25, 2008.
Nov 6 2008	Reply of petitioner Steven Spears filed. (Distributed)
Dec 1 2008	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of December 5, 2008.
Dec 8 2008	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of December 12, 2008.
Jan 5 2009	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of January 9, 2009.
Jan 12 2009	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of January 16, 2009.
Jan 21 2009	Petition GRANTED the motion of petitioner for leave to proceed in forma pauperis is granted. The judgment of the Court of Appeals is REVERSED, and the case is REMANDED for further proceedings consistent with this opinion. Justice Kennedy would grant the petition for a writ of certiorari and set the case for oral argument. The Chief Justice filed a dissenting opinion in which Justice Alito joins. Justice Thomas dissents. Opinion per curiam. (Detached Opinion)
Feb 23 2009	Judgment Issued

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